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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments prior to continued examination of the case.

Amendments

Please cancel claim 31.

Please amend claims 29, 30 and 32 to read as follows:

29 (amended). The process of claim 25 wherein the pH of the calcium lactate solution prior to acidulation is between about 5.0 and about 9.0.

30 (amended). The process of claim 25 wherein the pH of the calcium lactate solution prior to acidulation is less than 5.0.